



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

March 24, 2004

Robert Assil
Van Owen Holdings, LLC
1990 S. Bundy Drive, Suite 650
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Dear Mr. Assil:

I have been notified by CDM, the Omega Chemical Site PRP Organized Group's (OPOG's) environmental contractor, that heavy oil staining, dead vegetation, and a strong odor were noted at 12504 East Whittier Boulevard in and near the hole at the southwestern side of the property adjacent to the fence. As we discussed on the phone, all contaminated soil/material should be removed as soon as possible to prevent potential contaminant migration and confirmation soil samples should be collected from the sides and bottom of the excavation to confirm that all contaminated soil has been removed. Once the contaminated soil has been removed, the hole should be backfilled with clean soil and paved.

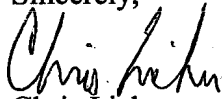
As the property owner, Van Owen Holdings, LLC must submit the name and qualifications of an environmental contractor to conduct this work no later than Friday March 26, 2004. The proposed contractor must demonstrate recent experience with other contamination removal projects of similar or greater magnitude, including specific personnel that will be used for this project. Once EPA reviews and approves selection of the contractor, the contractor should provide a work plan to perform the work.

At a minimum, the work plan should include a description of soil removal, confirmation sampling, backfilling, and paving activities; identification of the selected laboratory for sample analysis; proposed analytical methods and detection limits; options for disposal of excavated material including proposed disposal facilities; a schedule for conducting the work; a health and safety plan; and an outline for reporting results of the work to EPA. The health and safety plan is not subject to EPA approval; however, EPA will review it to ensure that all necessary elements are included and that it provides for the protection of human health and the environment.

The work plan should be submitted to EPA no later than Friday April 2, 2004. Please also be aware that representatives from EPA and OPOG will likely be present during the removal and collect split samples; therefore EPA requires at least 72 hours notice before the removal occurs.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please call me at (415) 972-3149.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Lichens".

Chris Lichens

Superfund Project Manager

cc: Fred Schauffler, EPA
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